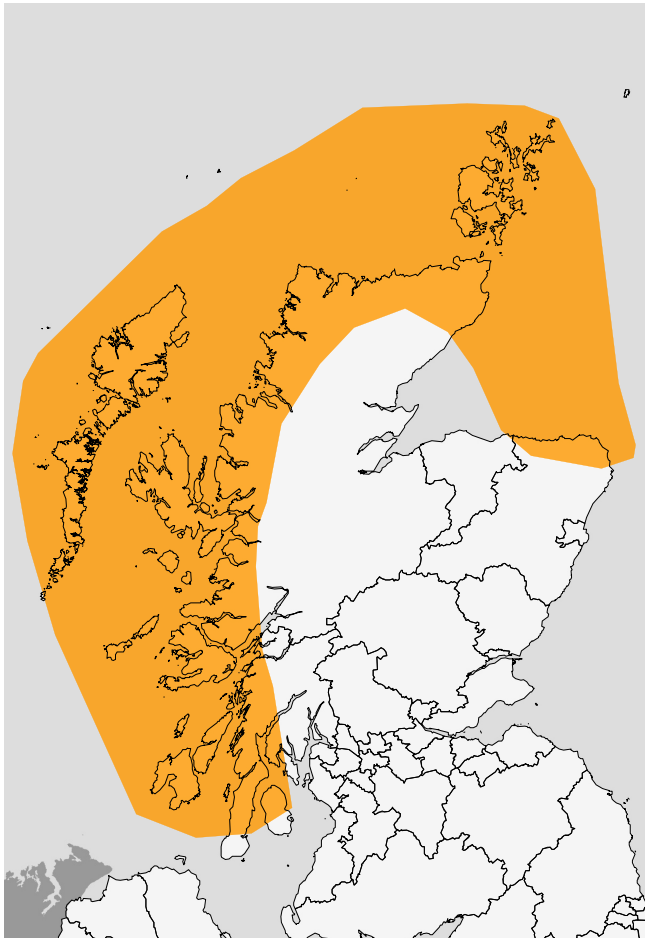
Amber warning
Wind

Between
18:00 Tue 23 Jan 2024 and
08:00 Wed 24 Jan 2024



A spell of strong winds associated with Storm Jocelyn is expected to affect western and northern Scotland from Tuesday evening.

What to expect

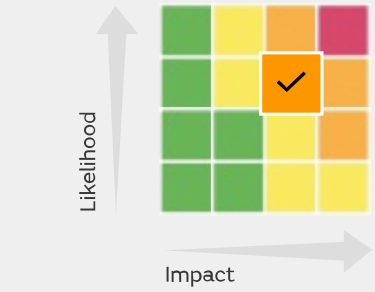
- Probably some damage to buildings, such as tiles blown from roofs
- Longer journey times and cancellations likely, as road, rail, air and ferry services may be affected
- Some roads and bridges likely to close
- There is a good chance that power cuts may occur, with the potential to affect other services, such as mobile phone coverage
- Injuries and danger to life is likely from large waves and beach material being thrown onto coastal roads, sea fronts and properties

Further details

A spell of strong west or southwesterly winds associated with Storm Jocelyn is expected to affect parts of western and northern Scotland during Tuesday evening and night. Winds are likely to gust 55-65 mph quite widely while there is potential for gusts of 75 to 80 mph in a few places, in particular exposed parts of the Western Isles and coastal northern Scotland.

Winds will slowly ease from the west during Wednesday morning.

What should I do?



Medium likelihood of medium impacts

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Further Details (continued)

Driving in these conditions can be dangerous, for yourself and other road users. If you must drive, you can do this more safely by taking the following actions; drive slowly to minimise the impact of wind gusts, be aware of high sided vehicles/caravans on more exposed roads and be cautious when overtaking, and give cyclists, motorcyclists, lorries and buses more room than usual.

Being outside in high winds makes you more vulnerable to injury. Stay indoors as much as possible. If you do go out, try not to walk, or shelter, close to buildings and trees. In advance of high winds, check for loose items outside your home and secure them. Items include; bins, garden furniture, trampolines, tents, sheds and fences.

If you are on the coast, stay safe during stormy weather by being aware of large waves. Even from the shore large breaking waves can sweep you off your feet and out to sea. Take care if walking near cliffs; know your route and keep dogs on a lead. In an emergency, call 999 and ask for the Coastguard.

People cope better with power cuts when they have prepared for them in advance. It's easy to do; consider gathering torches and batteries, a mobile phone power pack and other essential items.

Stay up to date with the weather forecast for your area and follow advice from emergency services and local authorities.

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All regions & authorities affected

Grampian

Aberdeenshire Moray

Highlands & Eilean Siar

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Orkney & Shetland

Orkney Islands

Strathclyde

Argyll and Bute North Ayrshire

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